Mr. I. Raman Menon.—" I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under 'Travelling Allowance—Agriculture '.

The allotment sanctioned in the budget of the current year is Rs. 5,200, Rs. 5,000 for my office and staff and Rs. 200 for the Central Farm as against Rs. 5,700 and Rs. 2,400 respectively in 1105.

From the beginning of the current year the three specialists attached to the Central Farm are being paid their T. A. from the allotment sanctioned to my office.

The rate of daily allowance of the inferior servants was also raised to 6 annas. These servants were also allowed their bus fare. These facts account for the increase in expenditure. There is no scope for any transfer of allotment."

Question put: *that the grant may be passed.*

Motion carried.

5. II—Agriculture and Panchayats—Rr. 1,988.

President.—The next is the demand of Rs. 1,988 under Agriculture and Panchayats.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,988 under "Village Panchayats." This amount is on account of the separation of the Panchayats from Agriculture.

The details of Rs. 1,988 are the following.—

Establishment and leave allowance	Rs.	272.
Travelling allowance	,,	500.
Office expenses, such as lighting charges, purchase of belts to peons, purchase of office and despatch seals etc,	,,	150.
Furniture	,,	425.
Purchase of a Typewriter and a cyclostyle machine	,,	425.
Miscellaneous, such as tour charges, postage, service labels etc.	,,	116.
Purchase of books	,,	100.

The proportionate allotment of the pay of clerks transferred to the new office will be transferred from the allotment under Agriculture and Panchayats establishment. The new office will be organised from the 15th of Meenam.

I request that the additional allotment applied for may be sanctioned.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,988 for II—Agriculture and Panchayats by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this motion to call the attention of the Government to the advantage of adding the present Panchayat Registrar also to the Rural Reconstruction Committee. We are dealing with panchayat matters eminently, and of course it was not necessary to table any such motion because the Panchayat Registrar came into existence only the other day. I hope the Government will see their way of adding him also to the Rural Reconstruction Committee, as it will be very useful both to the Committee and to the Department.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Certainly, it will be done. As a matter of fact it has to be done.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put.—*that the demand may be passed.*

Motion carried.

6. III—Co-operative Societies—Rs. 600.

President.—The next demand is for Rs. 600 under III-Co-operative Societies.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment Rs. 600 under III-Co-operative Societies. This amount is required to give a grant of an equal amount to the Central Co-operative Institute. The amount of Rs. 600 includes two items of 150 each and one of 300. They have got only a small balance of about 800 rupees on the opening day of 1st Chingam 1106. From that it will not be possible to meet the three items for which the grant is proposed to be given. They are for a Reading Room, for starting a training class, and for some propaganda. This is an institution which can really do a good deal of good to the co-operative movement as a whole. Unfortunately the difficulty has been that there is a large amount of arrears to be collected from the subscribers. That itself amounts to about 2 thousand and odd rupees, with the result that the actual working balance they have in hand—including the 5,000 rupees grant that the Government made in 1102—is only about 800 rupees and odd. The net result is that if this small grant of Rs. 600 is refused, the working of the institute as a whole may stand still.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Is this the first grant that the Government is going to make?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No, as I had already said the Government gave them a grant of Rs. 5,000 in 1102. This also was taken into account when I said that there is only a balance of 800 and odd rupees on the opening day of 1st Chingam 1106. Therefore this grant is really essential; and the Committee now seems to be very enthusiastic. They have arranged for holding a conference very soon in summer and are taking keen interest in improving the condition of the institute. So this Rs. 600 will be a deserved help to this growing and going institution. I submit that this may be passed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Some subscription falling due was mentioned. Will you please explain it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—An arrear subscription of about Rs. 2,000 and odd is to be collected from the members of the institute.

Dr A. G. Menon.—Why such large sums in arrears? Was it due to want of proper collection or anything else?

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